



SAINT ALPHONSUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Covington, Tennessee

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ripley, Tennessee

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May 17, 2020

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHITE

MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday 8:30am

SAINT ALPHONSUS Daily

Monday 12:00 pm

Tuesday 12:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm

Friday 8:30 am

Saturday 8:30 am

SACRAMENTS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Confession

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

AVE MARIA

Sunday 8:00 am

or by appointment

Baptism or Marriage preparation

Call for appointment

DEVOTIONS

SAINT ALPHONSUS

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday and First Saturday of each month following 8:30 am Mass

Rosary

First Saturday 8:00 am

Sunday morning 10:05 am

ST. ALPHONSUS & AVE MARIA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Alphonsus & Ave Maria Parishes is to proclaim and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church through liturgy, education, community service, social events, and witness for Christ who has blessed our lives in the larger community of Tipton & Lauderdale Counties and beyond. Our parish life is centered on the Eucharist during which we celebrate, in joy, the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

What's Happening this Week!

Saturday, May 16

4:00 pm Rosary

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 17

8:30 am Mass - Ave Maria

10:05 am Rosary - St. Alphonsus

10:30 am Mass

11:30 am Mass

Monday, May 18

11:30 am Rosary

Tuesday, May 19

10:00 am Friends of the Poor

11:30 am Rosary

Wednesday, May 20

10:15 am LOM

11:30 am Rosary

Thursday, May 21

4:00 pm Choir

Friday, May 22

8:00 am Rosary

Saturday, May 23

8:00 am Rosary

WELCOME HOME

Sons and daughters of Christ! Rejoice, for this is the day the Lord has made.

SAINT ALPHONSUS

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AVE MARIA

(just South of Highway 19 junction)

664 S. Washington St. (SR 209) • Ripley, Tennessee



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Mass Intentions



Saturday	5/16	4:30 pm	+Barbara Weisland by Anne & Dave Calvet
Sunday	5/17	8:30 am	For the Parishioners of Ave Maria
Sunday	5/17	10:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Alphonsus
Monday	5/18	12:00 pm	For Gordan & Mary Golightly by Mike & Carol Yarbrough
Tuesday	5/19	12:00 pm	For Bella Crosby/Healing by Susan Farris
Wednesday	5/20	12:00 pm	For John Yarbrough by Mike & Carol Yarbrough
Friday	5/22	8:30 am	For Russell Winters by Karen & Chuck Clark
Saturday	5/23	8:30 am	+Michael Wisneske by Anne & Dave Calvet

CHOOSE FAITH OVER FEAR

Remember to let Faith rule our hearts, not fear. 2Timothy 1:7 says:

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

CHOOSE WISDOM OVER WORRY

While we can still maintain our faith because of our unchanging God, it is still important to exercise wisdom instead of becoming paralyzed by worry.

CHOOSE PRAYER OVER PANIC

While some may give in to cynicism and think there is nothing we can do, let's not forget the power of prayer. Prayer is the exact prescription the Bible gives us to cure anxiety. It's easy to want to look at all the news outlets and overthink all the possible negative outcomes that can take place. All that will do is rob us of the peace God promises us for today.

Philippians 4:6 tells us:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

In the face of the coronavirus pandemic, we have the power to choose our response. When we choose faith over fear, wisdom over worry, and prayer over panic, we can experience the “peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” that we read about in Philippians 4:7. In doing so, we become the light of Christ in a very dark situation.

-Christina Patterson: belovedwomen.org



Promises & Blessings

Scripture verses

May 16th

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

-1 John 3:18

May 17th

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

-Romans 8:28

ATTENTION PARENTS: Due to the coronavirus the cry-room will NOT be available for use with children at this time.

Readings for May 18 – May 24

Monday

Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Mt 28:16-20

Prayer for the sick and those in need:

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Please Pray



Our Ill Priests	
Fr. John Hourican	Fr. Bryan Timby
Fr. Jolly Sebastian	Fr. Robert Ponticello

Our Parishioners	
Kay Bergen	Beverly Jiminez
Jason Brower	Stan Matras
Mike Brower	Maria McConnell
Jerry Bryant	Christina Miller
Hunter Buda	Jerry & Rose Mills
Juanita Buda	Eleanor Nunn
Peter Burkhardt	Elaine Perry
Patti Butner	Fernando Romero
Kay & Gene Cross	Lynda Rogers
Dixie Duncan	Holly Schaefer
John Folden	Barbara Schneider
Evan Grueling	Joan Smith
Peggy Haywood	Frank Stephens
Lois Hayden	Elizabeth Sullivan
Pat Haynes	Irma Wilson-de Roze
Patsy Hoffman	

Our Loved Ones	
James & Robin Barnett	Laura Swope-Keller
William Barrett	Phillis King
Betty Jo Bennet	Judy Kovach
Mary Bixler	Preston Lambert
Virginia Bowden	Emile Latour
Darlene Brooks	Cindy Lavelli
Dave Buda	Jacob LeFils
Joe Bynum	Dietmar Linden
Christina Cahaly	Susana Linden
Angela Canady	Evelyn Lynn
Paul Casagrande	Diane Maness
Bonnie Coltrane	Joe Marking
Patrick Christy	Debbie Marshall
Bella Crosby	Kevin Matras
Liz Crosslin	Linda Medford
Bobbie Jean Crouse	Sandra Pellegren
Heather Daniels	Beverly Pratt
Elizabeth	Joan Robertson
Michael Ellis	Mary Schaefer
Karri Flannigan	Cynthia Simmons
Melissa Flores	Carmen Sosa
Ella Forkum	Andrea Stafford
Philip Galaska	Ray & Yelba Stevenson
Kathy & Ronda Gentry	Sam Stitt
Kay Hernandez	Ted Sutton
Lisa Hogan	Brenda Sutton
Betty Hopper	Jennifer Tidwell
Wanda Hubicki	Peter Vanderven
Luanne Jergens	Brad & Paige Warmath
Christie Johnson	Donna Williams
Ester Jones	Steve Williams
Mode Jones	Earl Yeomans

In Prayerful Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

St. Alphonsus Parishioner



Joan Coltrane



*Eternal rest grant unto her O' Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

May Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



**"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"**

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's

right hand. Only in a wholly exceptional and unique way would Jesus show himself to Paul "as to one untimely born", in a last apparition that established him as an apostle.

Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end".

Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

Sunday 2nd Collection: Capital

May 10, 2020	Saint Alphonsus	Ave Maria	Saint Alphonsus 2019	Ave Maria 2019
Budget	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 365.00
Regular	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,389.00	\$ 266.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 160.00	\$	\$ 326.00	\$ 45.00
Food Pantry	\$ 110.00	\$	\$ 60.00	\$
Friends of the Poor	\$ 50.00	\$	\$ 50.00	\$
April e-Giving	\$ 410.00	\$ 850.00	\$	\$

Reflections For The Missionary Heart

The Son of God who suffers and dies and rises again will lead us to life everlasting.

Jesus told His Apostles as well as the crowds who gathered to hear Him preach many things about heaven and earth, about their lives and their relationships with one another. This past Sunday's Gospel is especially rich in that Jesus reveals to them the love of God both in His words and in His own person. The Jewish people who listened to Him were devoted to God and looked to the Law of Moses for direction on how to live accordingly. Jesus did not want to interfere with their desire to obey the Ten Commandments. But He was letting all who were open to Him know that He was asking something more of them because He *was* something more. Not only was Jesus of Nazareth the Messiah the Jews had so eagerly awaited, but He was also the Redeemer of every nation, every person, everywhere. He was the Son of God come to teach and to rescue His beloved children and embrace them in His eternal merciful heart.

He said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you know Me, then you will also know My Father. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.... Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else, believe because of the works themselves"* (John 14:6-7, 10-11).